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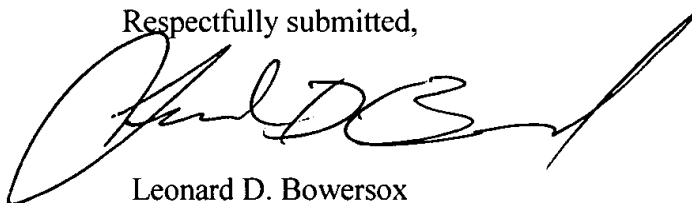
Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments to the specification and claims before consideration of the application as filed. The amendments are made to correct typographical errors, and are supported in the specification at least at page 5, line 34; page 6, line 6; and page 8, line 20.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicant or applicant's representative is desirable or required, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Appendix - Marked-up Excerpts Showing Changes to the Specification and Claims

**APPENDIX - MARKED-UP EXCERPTS SHOWING
CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification to read as set forth below. A marked copy of the specification is set forth in the attached Appendix.

At page 4, lines 21-24, please amend the paragraph as follows:

In one embodiment, the strip of abrasive material is fed such that each flap has a centerline extending from its radially inner to outer edge which is substantially on a [centerline] radius of the backing plate.

At page 9, line 29 - page 10, line 1, please amend the paragraph as follows:

As mentioned above, conventional flap discs 10 are manufactured with the flap [centre line] centerline, which extends radially from the inner edge 16 to outer edge 17 of the flap 12, lying approximately on a diameter of the disc 10 (as best seen in Figure 1). In the first embodiment of the present invention, shown in Figures 3 and 4, the flaps 12 are also positioned in this way.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 16 and 19 as follows:

16. (Twice Amended) A method of producing an abrasive flap disc as claimed in claim 12, comprising the step of feeding the strip of abrasive material such that each flap has a

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centerline extending from its radially inner to outer edge and which is substantially on a [centerline] radius of the backing plate.

19. (Amended) A method of producing an abrasive flap disc as claimed in claim 18, wherein after constructing the array of flaps and before curing, the method further includes the step of placing the disc in a former adapted to prevent each flap from falling into [substantially] substantial contact with an adjacent flap.